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COMMERCE FOR CONGER

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1. DURING DISCUSSIONS REGARDING LOCOMOTIVES AND GE (REF B), OCTRA DIRECTOR MASSON MADE CLEAR TO AMBASSADOR THAT OCTRA VES MUCH INTERESTED IN U.S. PROVIDING RAILS FOR TRANSGABON. THERE ARE BASICALLY TWO REASONS FOR THIS INTEREST: DESIRE TO USE AVAILABLE EXIM FINANCING, AND WISH TO GIVE AMERICAN FIRMS BIGGER PART IN SUPPLYING GOODS FOR TRANSGABON. SUBSEQUENTLY, OCTRA ASSISTANT LEMECTEYER CONFIRMED THAT RAILS WOULD NOT BE NEEDED UNTIL 1976 AT EARLIEST, AND THAT OCTRA ALSO LIKELY TO BE INTERESTED IN PLATES, BOLTS AND FROGS (PARA 3, REF A) THOUGH THERE MIGHT BE SOME PROBLEM IN SYNCHRONIZING THESE WITH FRENCH RAILS AND EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR OWENDO-BOOUE PORTION OF RAILROAD.

2. MASSON ALSO STATED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT DEAL WITH ZAIRE-- WHICH WAS TO SUPPLY TIES FOR RAILROAD--MAY FALL THROUGH AS THERE SOME QUESTION WHETHER ZAIRE CAN PRODUCE  
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THEM. THUS, THIS MAY BE FURTHER AREA FOR U.S. FIRMS.

OCTRA EXPECTS TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION AND MAKE FINAL  
DECISION RE ZAIRE WITHIN NEXT MONTH. WE SUGGEST THAT  
USDOC, WHILE KEEPING ABOVE IN CONFIDENCE, DIRECTLY EXPLORE  
TIE SITUATION WITH U.S. SUPPLIERS AND SEE IF THERE MIGHT  
BE ANY INTEREST. MASSON APPEARED MOST INTERESTED IN U.S.  
SUPPLYING METALLIC TIES, THOUGH CONCRETE TIES ALSO POSSIBILITY.  
OBVIOUSLY, DELIVERY SCHEDULE WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THAT OF RAILS.  
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